El Segundo Plan to Address Homelessness
Overview

• Everyone knows homelessness is a problem, and everyone wants to solve it.
• There are 52,765 persons in Los Angeles County who are homeless on a given night. Of these, 39,396 are unsheltered.
• El Segundo is located Service Planning Area (SPA) 8, South Bay
Taking Action

• Voters passed Measure H in 2016, raising $400 million annually in sales taxes in Los Angeles County, to be spent on services for homeless people.
• At the same time, City of Los Angeles passed Measure HHH, a $1.2 billion bond to build new permanent supportive housing.
• LA County is using all available services and resources.
• United Way is leading community involvement.
How do we “solve” homelessness?

• “Housing First” is the goal to get people into housing, and then meet their other needs.
• People are sorted through the Coordinated Entry System, to match them with housing appropriate to their needs: families, youth, single people, those with medical problems, disabilities, mental illnesses.
• Outreach to get them to engage in services.
• Applications for housing subsidies, find an apartment.
• Move in and continued services.
Goals of the planning process

• To identify what the City can do, what resources are available, and what resources are needed.
• To involve residents, business, and government in the effort to solve homelessness.
Homelessness in El Segundo

*New data just released*

- Makeshift shelters: 2.
- On the street: 9.
City Response

• Work with South Bay Council of Governments for regional solutions.
• Outreach team from PATH.
Planning Process

- El Segundo Police Department obtained planning grant from County
- Incorporated input from all stakeholders
- Plan must be adopted and submitted to County (August 8)
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- Mental health clinician to work with Police Department
- Training and protocols for City staff
- Mental Health First Aid training for staff
- Connect faith communities, Police Department, and staff to service providers who can get people into supportive housing
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• Safety assessment with individual businesses and residents.
• Resource card and information on how to report and where to refer people who are homeless.
• With South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness, develop and implement community education program.
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- Work with South Bay COG to expand mental health services, identify shelter resources, coordinate law enforcement, and address housing affordability.
- Seek Measure H funding for a shared shelter bed for South Bay cities.
- Work with WIB to create job training and employment opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.
El Segundo Plan to Address Homelessness: Goal #4

To support faith groups to effectively help individuals experiencing homelessness in El Segundo.
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To support faith-based groups to effectively help individuals experiencing homelessness in El Segundo.

- Strengthen ties between faith-based groups and County-funded service providers through a cross-training event.
- Update list of faith-based groups with homeless outreach annually, and hold annual cross-training event.
El Segundo Plan to Address Homelessness: Goal #5

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- Work with school district, faith groups, service organizations, and City staff to identify people at risk of homelessness.
- Connect residents to organizations with prevention resources and assistance.
- Disseminate information about how to reach services through library, City website, schools, faith communities.
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• Identify and track City department resources that are used to address homelessness.

• Apply for Measure H funds to supplement City funds that are already being used to address homelessness
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- Work with South Bay Cities Council of Governments on regional solutions.
- Review the conformance of current City policies to State housing mandates, and adopt any required changes.
Resources

- [www.la-hop.org](http://www.la-hop.org)
- LAHSA outreach: Megan Emme, (213) 683-3333; memme@lahsa.org
- PATH outreach: Courtney Reed, Associate Director, South Bay (323) 449-9074; CourtneyR@epath.org
- El Segundo Police Department, Community Lead Officer Team (310) 524-2300
- Harbor Interfaith: Breanna Jaijairam (424) 276-3602 ext. 294 bjaijairam@harborinterfaith.org
Thank you for being part of the solution!